

Pictou, Tuesday, Aug. 4. 1868.

8.45 Am.

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Fast travelling  
stage, row boat  
train -  
mines & fossils

Dear Anna,

You must excuse me for not writing last time to you, ~~but~~ for I have scarcely any time to write at all, I am travelling about, & collecting fossils, &c. & when I have any time I am generally so tired that I can't write. You will please send this letter on to George for I am not going to write to him this time.

On Tuesday last we crossed over from North Sydney to Sydney proper, in the ferry-boat; & we got in at 10<sup>h</sup> & went to Mr. ~~Hardy~~ Moseley's. In the afternoon we visited some people & had a walk along the shore, & then returned

on Wednesday at 7 Am we started in a carriage for Ingon Lingan bay & Glass bay, (pronounced Glass) to see some coal mines there.

We arrived at Ingon bay at 9.20

We then went down to the shore & got into a boat & rowed over to the other side of the bay to see ~~some where there~~ an outcrop of coal that was there, & also the rocks around. We rowed back again, & went to Mrs. Gardner's & had ~~our~~ our dinner, at 12. We got into the carriage at 1 pm & went to some mines on Glass Bay. We went to Mr. Dool's who ~~is~~ has something to do with one of the mines there, & walked a piece along the shore with him, & then went up to his house where we stayed while we were there.

On Thursday we started in the carriage again at 10.15 AM, for Sydney, where we arrived at quarter to 1. We did nothing particular till 4.45, ~~when~~ <sup>when</sup> we left Sydney in a stage coach for ~~at~~ New Glasgow. 8.40 arrived at a place where we got our tea. 9.20 got into a covered stage coach & drove on again. 9.40 slept till 3.10. We arrived at St. Peter's at 3.40 & had our breakfast. (We had been driving from Sydney strait down along the eastern shore of the Bras de la Laine to St. Peter's. We then drove along the ~~foot~~ of Causo to Plaster

cove). In about 5 minutes after we left St. Peter's we crossed on a ~~bridge~~ bridge, the ~~+~~ St. Peter's canal ~~and~~ which is being made, It is to connect the ~~two~~ Bras D'Or Lake with the sea, thus making a direct communication between Sydney & Halifax; & it is to cost \$200,000. We crossed the river of Inhabitants at 8.45, & arrived at Plaster cove, (on the narrowest part of the Gut of Canso) at 10.45, & had our dinner at 11.30. We left Plaster cove in a large row-boat for the other side of the Gut at 12.30.

2 pm got into a two-horse covered stage for N. Glasgow. We arrived at about 8 P.M. In Antigonish, & stayed there all night & started on ~~Saturday~~ at 7 & arrived at N. Glasgow at 1 P.M. & We started for Pictou by train at 6 P.M. for Pictou. 6.20 Arrived at the other side of the harbour where the train stops. We got into the ferry boat & went over to Pictou where we arrived at 7 P.M. & went to the Primrose's.

On Sunday we went to church twice. & went over at 5 PM to John A. Dawson's & had our tea there.

Yesterday (Monday) we started in the train for N. Glasgow at 6 AM where we arrived at 6.40 We drove to a mine called Dawson's where James & I stopped (for he came with us) to collect fossils, & Papa & Sir W. Logan (for he is there) went on to another mine. We returned again in the evening to Pictou by train.

I am going out to the Pictou mine today to try to find some fossils, & we are going to Halifax ~~to~~ by the two o'clock train.

Why don't you write ???

Your affectionate brother  
William.